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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance dated September 11, 2003, Applicants request that the Examiner provide acknowledgment that the references cited on the International Search Report filed on January 16, 2001 has been considered. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner acknowledge consideration of same by providing Applicants with an *initialed* copy of Form PTO-1449 enclosed herewith listing these references. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith a copy of the International Search Report as filed along with a copy of the references for which acknowledgement is requested and the date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely filing thereof.

In addition, Applicants request the Office to provide acknowledgment of the claim to priority. A copy of the Request for Priority Acknowledgment under 35 U.S.C. 119 and the International Convention is enclosed herewith.

Finally, Applicants with to make of record the enclosed copy of the International

Preliminary Examination Report received in the corresponding PCT International Application.

An early and favorable indication that the Information Disclosure Statement has been considered is kindly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance
Copy of Date-stamped Filing Receipt dated January 16, 2001
Copy of Request for Priority filed January 16, 2001
Copy of International Search Report filed January 16, 2001
Copy of Cited References (5) filed January 16, 2001
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